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SUBJECT: AID FROM INTERCHURCH MEDICAL ASSISTANCE OF
SEVENTH DAY ADVENTISTS

1. HOWARD BURBANK OF INTERCHURCH MEDICAL ASSISTANCE, NON-
SECTARIAN ARM OF SEVENTH DAY ADVENTISTS CHURCH, REQUESTED
DEPARTMENT'S ASSISTANCE IN GETTING CLARIFICATION ABOUT SHIP-
MENT OF MEDICAL KITS, ANTIBIOTICS, BANDAGES AND TAPE TO
ROMANIA. (LIST DIFFERS FROM THAT PROVIDED IN STATE 051605
AS A RESULT OF BURBANK'S TALKS WITH ROMANIAN EMBASSY.) HE
STATED THAT ROMANIAN AMBASSADOR NICOLAE HAD GIVEN HIM A
POSITIVE REPLY BUT MFA HAD NOT YET REPLIED TO EMBASSY.
DEPARTMENT UNDERTOOK TO OBTAIN CLARIFICATION AS TO GOR
POSITION.

2. DEPARTMENT (ANDREWS) ASKED ROMANIAN AMBASSADOR WHETHER
DEPFONMIN PACOSTE'S DECISION TO SUSPEND REQUESTS FOR AID
(BUCHAREST 1607) DID NOT PRECLUDE PLANNED SHIPMENT BY BUR-
BANK. AMBASSADOR SAID HE HAD TAKEN UP THIS MATTER ON THE
TELEPHONE WITH MFA AND RECEIVED REPLY THAT A SPECIFIC EX-
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CEPTION WOULD BE MADE FOR BURBANK'S SHIPMENT. NICOLAE TOLD
ANDREWS THAT MFA HAD IN MIND CONSIDERABLE LONG-TERM INTER-
ESTS OF THIS ORGANIZATION IN ROMANIAN MATTERS AND ITS DONA-
TION OF \$50,000. HE ASKED DEPARTMENT TO CLEAR BURBANK'S

SHIPMENT FOR DEPARTURE.

3. AS RESULT OF FOREGOING, WE HAVE INFORMED BURBANK THAT HE MAY EXPEDITE HIS SHIPMENT ON THE BASIS OF THE ROMANIANS' EXCEPTIONAL DECISION IN HIS FAVOR.

4. AID/OFDA WILL THEREFORE REIMBURSE SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST WELFARE SERVICE (SAWS) AS IS CUSTOMARY AND EXPLAINED IN STATE 51605. SAWS WOULD UNDERSTANDABLY LIKE FULL REIMBURSEMENT FOR COSTS. WHAT OFDA NEEDS TO KNOW FROM EMBASSY IS WHETHER SAWS-PROVIDED SUPPLIES ARE NEEDED ON AN IMMEDIATE BASIS SUFFICIENT TO JUSTIFY THE COSTS OF UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT REIMBURSING SAWS FOR AIR SHIPMENT OR WHETHER WE SHOULD REIMBURSE SAWS ONLY PARTIALLY, AT AN AMOUNT EQUIVALENT TO THE VALUE OF OCEAN FREIGHT. IN ANY EVENT, WE UNDERSTAND, SAWS IS SHIPPING BY AIR. VANCE

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